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PETITION AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME SUBJECT TO EXTENSION OF UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(b) AND MPEP 1002.02(c) (8)

A Reply Brief and Request for Oral Hearing are due in this reissue application on July 23, 2003.

Applicants respectfully petition for and request a one-month extension of time to file a Reply Brief and Request for Oral Hearing in this application based on good cause pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(b).

The reasons for this Request are:

- (1) this application is subject to a recapture rejection,
- (2) a recent precedential Board decision in Ex parte Eggert et al., Appeal No. 2001-0790, Application No. 09/110,145, decided May 29, 2003 and made available to the public on June 30, 2003, is pertinent to the recapture issues in this application, and
- (3) additional time is needed in order to evaluate the decision in Ex parte Eggert et al. and develop arguments in Appellants' Reply Brief in this application, taking into account



this recent decision.

Accordingly, a one-month extension of time to August 23, 2003 is respectfully requested.

If any fee is due, the fee may be charged to deposit account no. 19-4375.

Respectfully submitted,

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